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Flight Readiness Review for STS-84 Under Way Wed.

NASA managers are meeting Wednesday at KSC to review preparation of the Space Shuttle Atlantis and set a launch date for the STS-84 mission. Tentatively set to begin on Thursday, May 15, the mission will mark the sixth Shuttle docking with the Russian space station Mir. During the mission, astronaut Mike Foale will replace astronaut Jerry Linenger aboard Mir. Linenger will return to Earth after four months aboard the space station.

Open House on May 3 Offers The Community Inside Look at Marshall

Marshall Researcher Measures Spin Rates of Black Holes

A Space Sciences Laboratory researcher has measured the spin rates of several black holes -- finding two spinning at roughly the speed of light. Dr. Shuang Nan Zhang of the Universities Space Research Association presented his findings at the Compton Symposium in Williamsburg, Va., Monday. Using data from NASA satellites, he measured the size of a black hole's last stable orbit, allowing him to calculate its spin rate.